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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2856

Application No.: 10/501,475

Examiner: D. ROGERS

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Docket No.: 120298

For: ALIGNING OPTICAL COMPONENTS OF AN OPTICAL MEASURING SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the January 18, 2006 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 32-39, with traverse.

Because this application is a PCT-U.S. National Stage Application, consideration of the Unity of Invention with regards to Groups I-IV must be made in light of PCT rules. MPEP §1850(c)(a) defines the method for determining Unity of Invention under PCT Rule 13, which "shall be construed as permitting, in particular, the inclusion of any one ... combination of claims of different categories in the same international application ... in addition to an independent claim for a given product." Accordingly, because claims 32-39 of Group I and claims 40-41 of Group II recite a calibration system, and because claims 42-46 of Group III recite a platform for supporting a housing, and claims 47-56 of Group IV recite an apparatus for adjusting the angle of an object, under PCT Rule 13, the different Groups of claims represent different categories in the same international application. As such, claims of Groups II, III and IV should be considered part of the same invention.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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